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SUBJECT: 59TH ECOSOC: ITEM NO. 3, GENERAL DEBATE

FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES STATEMENTS MADE IN ECOSOC PLENARY

A.M. JULY 8 BY FRG, UK, PAKISTAN, BELGIUM AND OECD.

1. AMBASSADOR VON WECHMAR (FRG) STATED THAT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD BE USED AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE STOCK OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND TO BUILD ON THESE ACHIEVEMENTS IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE. HE REFERRED TO RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LDCS AND IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. PRIORITY ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO FOOD SUPPLIES, FOOD SECURITY, REVERSAL OF RECESSIONARY TENDENCIES IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUPPORT FOR PETROLEUM-IMPORTING LDCS, RECYCLING OF PETRO-DOLLARS AND REDUCING THE RATE OF INFLATION. THERE SHOULD BE A NARROWING GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR NATIONS BASED ON AN EXPANDING WORLD ECONOMY

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AND STABILITY IN THE DEVELOPED MARKET ECONOMIES. THE

FRG FAVORS LIBERAL TRADE POLICIES AND HAS EXPANDED TRADE WITH LDCS WITH A BALANCE INCREASINGLY IN THEIR FAVOR.

2. THE FRG IS PREPARED TO DIRECT ITS AID EFFORTS INCREASINGLY TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THE CABINET RECENTLY ADOPTED A POLICY OF COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH, INTER ALIA, CONCENTRATES ASSISTANCE TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES; INCREASES PROMOTION OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR; EXPEDITES AND SIMPLIFIES PROJECT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDES FOR FLEXIBLE CONDITIONS FOR ASSISTANCE.

3. THE FRG WILL SUPPORT THE LEGITIMATE DESIRE OF LDCS FOR GREATER INDUSTRIALIZATION AND WIDER ACCESS TO MARKETS THROUGH FURTHER TRADE CONCESSIONS BY THE EEC. SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE FRG TO MITIGATE DISRUPTIONS CAUSED BY A SUDDEN DROP IN EXPORT EARNINGS. THE FRG WOULD NOT FAVOR TRANSFER OF RESOURCES BASED ON ARTIFICIALLY HIGH PRICES FOR RAW MATERIALS SINCE THIS WOULD BENEFIT PRIMARILY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND MORE ADVANCED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE FRG WILL STUDY PROPOSALS FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

4. U.K. (AMBASSADOR RICHARD) DELIVERED FRANK HARD-HITTING STATEMENT IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR COOL APPRAISAL OF MEASURES TAKEN TO ASSIST LDCS AND VIEWED 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AS STEP IN LONG PROCESS OF RESHAPING WORLD ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND NOT AS AN END IN ITSELF. THE POLITICS OF THE WORLD ECONOMY SYSTEM HAVE ALTERED DURING PAST 15 MONTHS AND TASK NOW IS TO TRANSFORM POLITICAL CHANGE INTO ECONOMIC ACTION. MANY IMPORTANT MEETINGS HAVE TAKEN PLACE DURING THAT PERIOD INCLUDING THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, THE 30TH REGULAR GA, THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, ETC.

5. THE AMBASSADOR QUERIED THE VIEW EXPRESSED BY CERTAIN LDCS THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THEIR GOOD INTENTIONS AND POLITICAL WILL TO REACH CONSENSUS

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ON THE AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. HE CITED THE OECD DECLARATION ON RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE POSITIVE APPROACH OF PRIME MINISTER WILSON AT THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN KINGSTON.

6. IN THE FIELD OF TRADE, THE U.K. TAKES PRIDE IN THE SCHEME OF GSP ADOPTED BY THE EEC, THE LOME CONVENTION AND THE PROPOSED STABEX SCHEME. MORE ATTENTION WILL BE

DEVOTED BY THE U.K., EEC AND OECD TO COMMODITY TRADE.
DISAPPOINTMENT WAS EXPRESSED AT LACK OF RESPONSE BY LDCS
TO VARIOUS INITIATIVES ALREADY TAKEN BY THE U.K.

7. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT ECONOMIC ISSUES OF CONCERN
TO THE LDCS ARE COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT BUT THAT ALL OF THEM
ARE BEING DEALT WITH IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER. ALTHOUGH
THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF INTEREST AND APPROACH BETWEEN THE
INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND THE LDCS ON CERTAIN ISSUES,
THERE IS A GENERAL AWARENESS OF COMMON INTEREST AND PURPOSE.
THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES HAVE MOVED A LONG WAY IN A
SHORT TIME. COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY, THE DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES HAVE ACCEPTED THE MORAL IMPERATIVE FOR A
FUNDAMENTAL ALTERATION IN THE ECONOMIC WORLD SITUATION.
HE AGREED WITH MODERATE APPROACH OF THE PRESIDENT OF ECOSOC
CONCERNING THE AIMS OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.

8. THE AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED WITH THE HOPE THAT THE SPECIAL
SESSION WOULD NOT RESULT IN CONFRONTATION OR UNREALISTIC
TIMETABLES. THE U.K. HAS DEMONSTRATED AN EARNEST OF ITS
COMMITMENT TO CHANGE. IN RETURN HE ASKED FOR MUTUAL
COMPREHENSION BY THE G-77 AND THAT THEY SHOULD AVOID
PRESENTING DEMANDS WHICH THEY KNOW WILL BE RESISTED. THE
U.K. IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE BUT CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE
FORCED INTO POSITIONS WHICH IT CANNOT HONESTLY ACCEPT.
THE SESSION WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE JOINT
POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO ORDERLY CHANGE AND PROVIDE THE
IMPETUS FOR DETAILED DISCUSSION IN MORE APPROPRIATE FORA.

9. A.G.N. KAZI (PAKISTAN) SPOKE OF THE SEVERE IMPACT
OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HIS COUNTRY. TERMS

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OF TRADE WORSENERD BY 20 PERCENT IN 1974 WITH AN INCREASE IN THE
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT OF \$900 MILLION. SOLUTIONS
TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS REQUIRE INTEGRATED
MEASURES IN THE FIELDS OF TRADE, DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM. THERE IS A NEED
FOR A NEW SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

10. PAKISTAN WOULD WELCOME A DIALOGUE AT THE 7TH SPECIAL
SESSION AND THE AVOIDANCE OF CONFRONTATION. THE IMMEDIATE
TASK OF ECOSOC IS TO REACH CONCRETE AND SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS
ON ISSUES WHICH REQUIRE URGENT SOLUTION AND ARE AMENABLE
TO EARLY ACTION. EARLY AGREEMENT URGED ON: ESTABLISHMENT
OF "THIRD WINDOW" OF WORLD BANK; ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMF OIL
FACILITY; CREATION OF "SPECIAL TRUST FUND"; FIFTH IDA
REPLENISHMENT; COMMITMENT BY DAC MEMBERS TO OFFICIAL
ASSISTANCE OF 0.7 PERCENT BY 1980; IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY OF AID.
AGREEMENT IN TRADE FIELD SHOULD INCLUDE: GUIDELINES FOR
NEGOTIATIONS ON COMMODITIES; COMPREHENSIVE MEASURES TO
STABILIZE EXPORT EARNINGS; IMPROVEMENT OF GSP SYSTEM;
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ADOPTION OF PHASED PROGRAM FOR REMOVAL OF TARIFF AND NON-
TARIFF BARRIERS. PAKISTAN SUPPORTS RECENT INITIATIVES
IN INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL FIELDS. PAKISTAN IS
PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE FULLY IN NEGOTIATIONS WHICH LIE AHEAD.

11. AMBASSADOR LONGERSTAY (BELGIUM) COMMENTED ON THE
CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION NOTING ESPECIALLY THE IMPACT
OF THE DOWNTURN IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ON THE
LDCS. THE RESULTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT DECADE THUS FAR
GIVE SOME GROUNDS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT WHEREAS OTHER ASPECTS
ARE NEGATIVE. THERE WERE FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN TRADE
AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION. MORE ATTENTION SHOULD BE
GIVEN, HOWEVER, TO LABOR INTENSIVE PROJECTS. POOR
RESULTS IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR AREA SOURCE OF CONCERN.
HE PLEDGED SUPPORT OF BELGIUM FOR RESEARCH ON FERTILIZERS
TO BRING ABOUT A BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN SUPPLY AND DEMAND.
HE SUPPORTED EFFORTS FOR STABILIZATION OF EXPORT EARNINGS.

12. BELGIUM HAS OFTEN ATTAINED AND SURPASSED 1 PERCENT OF GNP IN TRANSFER OF NET RESOURCES TO THE LDCS. EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO REACH 0.70 PERCENT OF GNP IN NET PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. THE FIGURE FOR 1975 WILL BE 0.62 PERCENT OF GNP OR 2 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL BUDGET AND WILL BE CHANNELED INCREASINGLY THROUGH MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS.

13. BELGIUM IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT G-77 PROPOSALS AS A BASIS FOR THE AGENDA FOR THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. THE GOVERNMENT FAVORS A DYNAMIC APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM OF RAW MATERIALS RECOGNIZING INTERESTS OF PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. A RANGE OF COMMODITIES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR POSSIBLE CONCLUSION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.

WHERE COMMERCIAL MEASURES ARE NOT SUFFICIENT, BELGIUM IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER OTHER MEASURES FOR STABILIZATION OF EXPORT EARNINGS. BELGIUM ALSO FAVORS SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOOD SECURITY.

14. THE AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED THAT STRUCTURAL REFORM OF THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM OF THE UN SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN AND SAID THAT THE REPORT OF THE EXPERTS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IN THIS REGARD.

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15. EMILE VAN LENNEP (SECRETARY-GENERAL OECD) REAFFIRMED OECD SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, REVIEWED THE ECONOMIC SITUATION AND DESCRIBED RECENT MEASURES FOR ASSISTING LDCS.

16. OECD COUNTRIES HAVE TAKEN STEPS DURING PAST 18 MONTHS TO DEAL WITH VARIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS INCLUDING TRADE, FINANCE, ENERGY, AID AND INFLATION. WHILE PROGRESS MADE, PRESENT SITUATION STILL UNSATISFACTORY. OECD FORECASTS BEGINNING OF RECOVERY IN NEAR FUTURE WITH ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF 4 PERCENT IN FIRST HALF OF 1976. INFLATION IS STILL A MATTER OF CONCERN AND POSSIBILITY OF ADVERSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS OUTSIDE OECD AREA COULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON THESE COUNTRIES. HE REFERRED TO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS OF ENERGY AND COMMODITY MARKETS AND SHORTAGES OF BASIC FOOD SUPPLIES.

17. THE OECD COUNCIL MEETING ADOPTED THE "DECLARATION ON RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" WHICH IS A STATEMENT OF POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE EXPRESSING THE DETERMINATION OF MEMBER COUNTRIES TO CONSIDER POLICIES AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE POSITION OF LDCS WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON FOOD PRODUCTION, ENERGY, COMMODITIES AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. THE DECLARATION IS PLACED

IN THE DYNAMIC PERSPECTIVE OF INCREASED PARTICIPATION
OF THE LDCS IN AN EXPANDING WORLD ECONOMY. THERE IS
GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT EARLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION IS
REQUIRED TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF POORER COUNTRIES.
THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR AID TO PROMOTE THEIR LONG-TERM
DEVELOPMENT. DAC IS PLACING EMPHASIS ON AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT. OTHER NEW INITIATIVES ARE UNDERWAY FOR
CHANNELING ASSISTANCE TO THE LDCS. IN ADDITION TO AID
THERE IS WIDE AGREEMENT ON THE NEED TO ACCELERATE THE
PROCESS OF STRUCTURAL ECONOMIC CHANGE IN DEVELOPED AND
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR
TRADE OF LDCS AS PART OF AN EXPANDING WORLD ECONOMY.DALE

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